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Ridder Purchases Arcadia Papers

ARCADIA, Calif. Bernard J. Ridder, president and publisher of the *Pasadena (Calif.) Independent and Star-News*, has announced the purchase of the semi-weekly *Arcadia Tribune*, *Temple City Times*, *San Gabriel Valley Topics* and weekly *Monrovia Journal*, from F. Harold Roach.

Mr. Roach, after 25 years as publisher, will continue to operate the newspapers for the Ridder group. The papers have been operated by Mr. Roach as principal stockholder, and minority stockholders Ewing Hass, of Washington, D. C., an administrative assistant for U.S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, and Allan B. Jaynes, longtime advertising director, both of whom are leaving the papers.

The Arcadia paper has 10,000 paid circulation and another 24,000 controlled circulation, giving a total 50,000 for the four papers. Plans were announced for expansion of the printing facilities. There are 70 employees.

Mr. Roach is long active with the California Newspaper Publishers Association and currently is president of the Controlled Circulation Unit, Southern Cali-

fornia Area. The paper was founded as a 1930 weekly. Two years ago, Ralph H. Turner sold the Temple City Times to Mr. Roach.

The Ridder newspapers are neighbors of the Arcadia publications.

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